**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur-South)*: May I know, Sir, whether at present the Cochin Government is paying the pay of the staff?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Secretary to Government)*: They first pay and then recoup.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know the number of labourers sent to Assam so far?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Secretary to Government)*: 7,200.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi)*: What is the total amount spent on account of this?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Secretary to Government)*: We have not got the exact accounts, but the Government of India have paid three lakhs.

**Mr. P. V. Raphael** *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: We have advanced 4·2 lakhs.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi)*: Have the Government got reports as to their condition, etc.?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes. They are doing good work.

**Mr. President**: I have received a report. In certain respects arrangements have not been made and these defects will be remedied as far as possible.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur-South)*: It is rumoured that one doctor who accompanied them has sustained some accidents. If there is any definite information in the matter, certainly it will be very welcome in order to avoid unnecessary broadcasting of rumours.

**Mr. President**: Every possible effort has been made to protect the interests of the coolies. We cannot broadcast information of any accident because they are engaged in military and the matter has to be kept confidential.

**Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur-South)*: I do not wish to know where the coolies are working. With regard to health and sanitary arrangements there, we want some information. We do not wish to have the name of the place where they work divulged. That is the only purpose.

**Mr. President**: Some statements will be issued on the subject later on.

## LABOUR RECRUITING OFFICERS—PARTICULARS OF PAY AND ALLOWANCES

**318. Mr. R. Govinda Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether two Magistrates in service have been deputed to do duty as Labour Recruiting Officers;

(*b*) what their salary and allowance, if any, will be;

(*c*) the period for which they have been so deputed;

(*d*) whether their salary or that of persons appointed in their places are to be paid out of Cochin Revenues or out of any other fund?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes; two Sub-Magistrates have been appointed as Recruiting Officers for recruiting labour for road construction work in Assam.

(*b*) Their pay as Sub-Magistrates plus 25 per cent of it.

(*c*) Two months for the present.

(*d*) The expenditure will be met by the Government of India.

## EXCESS PROFITS TAX ACT—INTRODUCTION IN OTHER INDIAN STATES

**319. Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether in the sister State of Travancore, other Madras States and Mysore, the Dominion of Hyderabad, and other Indian States, the Excess Profits Tax Act, similar to the one of Act II of 1117 of our State, has been introduced;

(*b*) the number of parties or institutions in the State that Government expect to come within the orbit of this Act for taxation;

(*c*) the estimated amount of tax anticipated to be collected under the provisions of the Act in the year 1117?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran** *(Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) Not known to be introduced in any of those States.

(*b*) About thirty assessees.

(*c*) For the current year, about Rs. 2,25,000.

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